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## December Hogs and Pigs

Michigan's total hog and pig inventory on December 1 was estimated at 1.1 million head, up 40,000 head from a year ago, according to the USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Regional Field Office. Breeding hog inventory, at 110,000 head, was unchanged from last December. Market hog inventory, at 990,000 head, was up 4.2 percent from last year. The average pigs saved per litter for the September to November quarter at 10.20 was up 0.05 pigs from last year.

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2014 was 66.1 million head. This was up 2 percent from December 1, 2013, and up 1 percent from September 1, 2014. Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was up 4 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 60.1 million head, was up 2 percent from last year, and up 1 percent from last quarter.

The September-November 2014 pig crop, at 29.4 million head, was up 4 percent from 2013. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.87 million head, up 3 percent from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.23 for the September-November period, compared to 10.16 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 8.10 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.30 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrow during the December-February 2015 quarter, up 4 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013. Intended farrowings for March-May 2015, at 2.90 million sows, are up 3 percent from 2014, and up 3 percent from 2013.

### Hog inventory and farrowings: Michigan and United States, December 1, 2014

Hogs and pigs	Michigan			U.S.		
	2013	2014	Change	2013	2014	Change
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Breeding	110	110	0	5,757	5,969	4
Market	950	990	4	59,018	60,082	2
Under 50 pounds <sup>1</sup>	305	300	-2	18,389	19,026	3
50-119 pounds <sup>1</sup>	210	225	7	16,080	16,630	3
120-179 pounds	200	220	10	12,576	12,635	0
180+ pounds	235	245	4	11,972	11,791	-2
Total	1,060	1,100	4	64,775	66,050	2
Sows farrowed, Sep-Nov	49	51	4	2,780	2,871	3
Pigs/litter, Sep-Nov	10.15	10.20	0	10.16	10.23	1
Pig crop, Sep-Nov	497	520	5	28,253	29,373	4
Sows farrowing, Dec-Feb <sup>2 3</sup>	49	50	2	2,763	2,870	4
Sows farrowing, Mar-May <sup>2 3</sup>	52	50	-4	2,810	2,900	3

<sup>1</sup> Size group definitions have been changed from 2008.

<sup>2</sup> Intentions.

<sup>3</sup> Upcoming year.